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SUBJECT: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON PANAMA-CUBA RELATIONS

REF: GUATEMALA 4195

1. COMMENTING ON PANAMA'S DECISION TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH CUBA, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OBIOLS OBSERVED TO PRESS AUGUST 22 THAT IT WAS "NECESSARY FOR THE OAS TO STUDY (REVISAR) THE CUBAN CASE IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO UNILATERALLY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HAVANA.". OBIOLS STATED THAT GUATEMALA HAS NO INTEREST IN LIFTING OR REAFFIRMING THE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA BUT IS CONCERNED THAT RIO PACT AND OAS ARE BEING WEAKENED BY UNILATERAL ACTIONS.

2. COMMENT: NEW ELEMENT IN OBIOLS' REMARKS IS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT UNILATERAL ACTIONS ON CUBA ARE WEAKENING LATIN AMERICAN UNITY. GUATEMALA APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING MORE AND MORE TOWARD POSITION OF APPROVING LIFTING OF CUBA SANCTIONS IF THAT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID FURTHER BREAKS IN LATIN AMERICAN UNITY.  
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